Coastal SEZs in Karnataka

1253. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought 'in-principle approval' of the Centre for establishing Coastal Special Economic Zones at Mangalore, Padubidri and Agsur through private sector initiative with the initial support from the State Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Kanara Chamber of Commerce & Industry had proposed for setting up of three SEZs at Baikampady, Padubidri and Agsur through the State Government. However, finding that it may not be vaible to set up three SEZs in close vicinity, the promoters have indicated their preference for a SEZ at Baikampady for which 'in-principle' approval has already been granted on 8.8.2003.

SEZ in Hassan

1254. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has completed the required formalities on its part in pursuance of the Centre's 'in-principle approval' for establishing a Special Economic Zone in Hassan and has sought formal permission for establishment of the SEZ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the formal permission would be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Formal approval has already been given on 8.8.2003 to the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board for setting up of Special Economic Zone at Hassan on the basis of proposal received from them.